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CITY OF SAN DIEGO – SIXTH COUNCIL DISTRICT

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Frye Refuses to Increase Audit Committee Contract without Proper Management Controls

At the January 17, 2006 San Diego City Council meeting, Councilmember Donna Frye refused to increase the City's Audit Committee contract by \$10 million citing the absence of proper contract management and controls.

Frye pointed out four specific cases of contract mismanagement that she believes are essential elements for any entity contracting with the city:

- Lack of a work plan by the Audit Committee
- Audit Committee's refusal to provide the Council with itemized billing records
- Audit Committee's refusal to accept a deadline for completion of their investigation
- Absence of a fixed budget

Frye said that, "The public has a right to know how taxpayer dollars are being spent. It is irresponsible to expect the public to continue to pay for a never-ending investigation without some controls." The issue ultimately passed with a 5-1 vote of the Council, with Councilmember Frye representing the lone opposing vote.

Frye is the Councilmember for the Sixth Council District of the City of San Diego, which includes the communities of Clairemont, Kearny Mesa, Linda Vista, Mission Bay, Mission Valley and Serra Mesa. She has served on the City Council representing District Six since June 2001. She is currently the chair of the City Council's Natural Resources and Culture committee.

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